After which the King sent for Madame Gabnelle, and at her coming lie drew near to her with great reverence, holding his hat at first in his hand, and declaring that the ambassador was so well known unto them both as he doubted not that she would welcome him , which she did, unmasking herself, and gracing the ambassador with her best favours The King after these ceremonies passed took her on his left hand and the ambassador on his right hand, and so continued almost an hour walking together in the Park Afterwards the King asked whether Sir Henry found his mistress anything changed, who answeied sparingly in her praise and told him that, if without offence he might speak it, he had the picture of a far more excellent mistress and yet did her picture come far short of her perfection of beauty [c] As you love me,' said the King, [c] show it me if yon have it about you * Sir Henry made some difficulties , yet upon his importunity offered it to his ^lew very secretly, holding it in his hand The King beheld it with passion and admiration, saying * You are right , *je me rends* [9] , protesting he had never seen the like , so with great reverence he kissed it twice or thrice, the ambassador still retaining it in his hand In the end, after some kind of contention, he took it away vowing that the ambassador might take leave of it, for he would not forgo it for any treasure , and that to possess the favour of the lively picture, he would forsake all the world and hold himself most happy, with many other most passionate words

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Great abuses continue to grow by the multitude of base tenements and disorderly houses erected in the

suburbs of London, and though the Council from time to time have given direction to stay or suppress such buildings/ yet they have found not such success and effect of their directions as was expected For there is an increase of dissolute, loose and insolent people harboured in noisome and disorderly houses, such as be poor cottages and habitations of beggars and people without trade, stables, inns, alehouses, taverns, garden houses, bowling alleys and brothels , all pestering these parts of the City with dis-order and nncleanness, apt to breed contagion and sickness and serve for the resort of masterless men, and the cause of cosenages,